

STREET COMMITTEE AIMS TO GIVE MAYOR JOLT

Going Ahead With Paving Contracts Before Mayor's
Public Works Commission Bill Gets Legis-
lative Hearing.

Mack Brick Agent Is Already on His Job With His
Wares—Aldermen to Advertise for Bids Without
Delay—To Repave Main Street.

Although Mayor Lee has stated that the aldermanic street committee will not amount to much this year because he expects to get his public works commission bill passed at Hartford the street committee took steps last night to get in ahead of the mayor. They voted to instruct the directors of public works to prepare plans and specifications for the pavement of Main street from East Washington avenue to Gilbert street and from Atlantic street to Seaside Park and of Golden Hill street from Main street to Water street. They will advertise for bids upon all kinds of pavement.

This is the earliest the street committee has ever got busy for spring work and the more for the work has not been appropriated as yet. At the next meeting of the common council the street committee will ask for power to award the contracts. The mayor's public works commission bill

"OPEN MARKET" IS THE ORDER FOR STEEL MEN

Wall Street Expects a Cut
In Steel Prices and Every
One for Himself.

Big Steel Men Are in Conference,
But No Statement Has Yet Been Given
Out—"Get Business at
Any Price" Word From
Pittsburg.

(Special from United Press.)
New York, Feb. 19.—The Wall Street summary says that the statement to be issued by the Steel Corporation at noon to-day will make the steel market an open one, allowing each dealer and manufacturer to make his own prices until existing difficulties have been adjusted.

Steel stock showed weakness throughout this morning's trading in expectation of a fall in steel prices. A low price for Steel Common was reached when it fell to 45 5/8. Representatives of the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiary corporations have been in conference nearly all day. At noon it was said that no statement relative to the meeting would be made until after the close of the market to-day. While a cut in the price of steel is expected, as the outcome of to-day's meeting, it was learned from good authority that the course of the heads of the different companies will be for an "open market," which means that individual concerns will be permitted to go after business at their own individual prices. A dispatch received here to-day from Pittsburg said that it was understood there that the subsidiary corporations of the United States Steel Corporation had received orders from the eastern headquarters to go ahead and get business at any price whatever. A later special from Pittsburg to the effect applies to all excepting steel rail manufacturers.

REVOLUTIONISTS COMMITTEE WILL BE DISSOLVED

Revelations Regarding Azeff the Police
Spy Leads to the Decision Announced
Today.

(Special from United Press.)
Berlin, Feb. 19.—The Deutsche Zeitung is authority for the statement to-day that the Russian revolutionary committee has dissolved and that the Prince Kropotkin, M. Sussulitch and other leaders in the movement have declared that henceforth they will abandon their revolutionary activities. The collapse of the central revolutionary organization, according to the Zeitung, was due to the revelations concerning the connection of Eugene Azeff, the police spy or "agent provocateur" with the organization. When these became known the organized revolutionary movement ceased and until some other revolutionary organization is formed, Russia will have to deal only with individual terrorists.

The Azeff agents have produced the most important political agitation Russia has experienced in years.

TURKEY AND AUSTRIA SETTLE DIFFERENCES

(Special from United Press.)
Constantinople, Feb. 19.—If the word of Hilmi Pasha, the new Grand Vizier, is to be relied upon the final settlement of Turkey's disputes with Austria and Bulgaria is today all but concluded. Hilmi officially announced that the Turkish-Bulgarian proclamation has been accepted by Refaat Pasha, the new Foreign Minister, arrives from London. The differences with Austria will soon be a thing of the past, Hilmi says. Until the boycott against Austria entirely disappears, Bulgaria will not conclude any agreements.

Samuel Jagers died this morning at his late residence, 193 Reservoir avenue, after a short illness, aged 63 years. The deceased was a veteran of the civil war, serving with the 2nd regiment of Mounted Volunteers. He enlisted in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1861.

AUTOMOBILE LAW MAY BE MUCH CHANGED

Speed Limit of 25 Miles an
Hour Favored by Legis-
lators and Many Others.

Object Less to Reduce Danger
to Other Traffic Than to
Save Highways.

Committee on Roads, Rivers
and Bridges Fixes Date For
Hearings On Automobile
Legislation—More Than One
Hundred Bills to be Considered.

(By our Staff Correspondent.)
Hartford, Feb. 19.—The committee on Roads, Rivers and Bridges has set aside four days, beginning March 2, for hearings upon bills connected with the use and ownership of automobiles. More than a hundred such bills are in the hands of the committee. They cover every branch of the subject in almost every conceivable way. Not a few of these bills are "crank" measures. Some of them are intelligently aimed at the correction of undoubted evils.

The automobile interests desire the present law to be maintained substantially as it stands. But there seems to be little doubt but that it will be changed in a drastic manner. This is an inference that is drawn from talk in the corridors, and from the expressions of individual opinion made by members of the committee. It is thought that instead of the existing law, which permits any speed that is not reckless, a speed limit of 25 miles an hour may be fixed.

The motive for making a speed limit, as it exists in the minds of the friends of the change, is not so much a desire to make the roads safer, as to make them last longer.

It is claimed that roadmakers and engineers have uniformly come to the conclusion that a speed greater than 25 miles an hour is disastrous to the road. Especially is this true of the high-powered touring cars as they whirl over the highways at speeds ranging from 35 to 40 miles an hour. The action of these vehicles, no driver is such that modern methods of road building will have to be changed to overcome the destructive effect, or speeds will have to be reduced.

Another change that is threatened is an increase of tax, especially as against cars owned in other States. At present foreign cars can come into the State for a limited time, without obtaining a license. It is the foreign cars engaged in inter-State travel that create the greatest wear on highways. There is a general feeling that the owners should make a payment which will partly compensate for the damage.

The plan of issuing licenses may be altered. Secretary of State Rogers has noted that the number of automobile licenses issued has decreased over the last year, although the number of automobiles driven has undoubtedly increased. The suggested plan is to change the car number every year, and this means that every owner will apply yearly for a license.

The opinion is expressed by a member of the committee that the time is not distant when the automobile inspection will be made at every toll station on an inter-State highway between the Atlantic and Pacific, built by private capital over private rights of way, which will be used by automobiles upon the payment of a suitable sum to the association by which the enterprise may be maintained.

Others are of the opinion that when such a road is constructed it will be by the Federal government. Bills for such a highway have several times been brought to Congress, and much pressure has been exerted to have them passed.

HALF DROWNED "WILLIAM CARTER" CONCEALS IDENTITY

Cries for help aroused the crew of the tug Stephen H. Babcock at the foot of Wall street this morning. Walter Gilbert, engineer of the vessel, found a man struggling in the water between the boat and the dock. He threw him a rope and the man, who was a rescue was effected. The ambulance responded to a call and the man was resuscitated by Dr. Ives. He refused to give his name or address and was rushed to St. Vincent's hospital.

At the hospital he gave the name of William Carter, and said that he worked for Owen Keenan at his stable in Fairfield avenue. He later gave his address as 111 Broad street. Mr. Keenan knows of no William Carter and 111 Broad street is a vacant lot. The man is now threatened with pneumonia as a result of the wetting he received.

QUEEN STARTS ANTI CORSET CRUSADE

Berlin, Feb. 19.—Queen Elizabeth of Roumania today started an anti-corset crusade by means of a public manifesto to the women and girls of Europe to be abolished corsets. The manifesto is being circulated in all sections of the Queen declares corsets are injurious both physically and morally. A number of the women of the Roumanian court have joined the anti-corset movement. The queen states that she hopes to secure promotion to a captaincy in the near future.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP IN SOUTH NORWALK

The following is an editorial from the Sentinel, a leading publication of South Norwalk, Conn.:

A synopsis of the annual report of the South Norwalk Water Department will be pleasing to every citizen interested in the best welfare of the community. The present Board of Water Commissioners are now in the eighth year of their official capacity together. During the seven years of their association just closed, all of their work has been executed with discretion and harmony. As individuals, and collectively as a board, their aim has been to serve the people. They have never swayed from their united belief that our citizens were entitled to the best that could be secured, their motto has been, "nothing is too good for the people." Among the important things that have been consummated during their seven years labors is the increased water shed and supply. About seven square miles have been added to the original two and one-half square miles. Nearly two miles of new water mains have been laid, some forty additional fire hydrants set, the new filtration plant at Wilton built and put into successful operation. During these seven years \$210,000 has been expended in extensions and improvements, and from the current revenue there has been produced a profit of over \$88,000 to be paid for the work. The indebtedness on the entire cost of the water system has been reduced 42% during this time.

The value of a self sustaining municipal enterprise that pays its yearly interest and current maintenance, makes all of its improvements and additions, meets every obligation from its own income and resources, keeping pace with the growth of the city, would be difficult to estimate. Such results as were presented in the Water Commissioners report for 1908 to the City Council on Monday evening, should arouse in all of our citizens a realization of the great value of our public water system. In the future progress and development of our city the public water service will have a large part to play. Our property owners are saved thousands of dollars in insurance rates every year on account of fire protection furnished by having public fire hydrant service. Every foot of property is enhanced in value by having a public water main through the street on which it is located.

The vote of our Mayor and Board of Councilmen Monday evening in appreciation and recognition of the business management and successful results of the Water department was most commendable and voices the sentiment of the people.

NO BACK PAY
FOR HEADS OF
DEPARTMENT

Superintendent, Captains,
Lieutenants and Sergeants
Under Another Rule.

Cannot Receive Salary
Raise Except in Case of
a Vacancy Occurring.

This the Opinion of Able
Lawyers—Arrears for
Eight Months, Amounting
to \$100 Each for 19 Men,
Are Involved.

A further scrutiny of the decision of the Supreme Court in the police pay case, makes it appear, according to a number of able lawyers, that the superior officers of the department will not be entitled to back pay, as the patrolmen are.

This is a separate provision of the charter relating to superior officers, in which is included the superintendent, the captains, lieutenants and sergeants, which permits their salaries to be increased only in case of a vacancy. This vacancy took place Dec. 1, when the superior officers resigned, and were permitted by the commissioners to receive the benefit of increased pay. They are only affected to the extent that they will not receive the increase for the time from April 1, when the pay ordinance was adopted, until Dec. 1, when the necessary vacancies were created by the resignations.

These officers of the charter referred to is as follows:

"But the common council may abolish the offices of superintendent, captain, lieutenant, and sergeant in the police department * * * and may increase or decrease the salaries of such officers only in case of a vacancy in any such office to be so affected or by an ordinance to take effect upon the occurrence of any such vacancy."

This interpretation of the charter deprives two captains, two lieutenants and 14 sergeants of the right to receive \$100 each, the amount of the increase for eight months. The pay of all of these officers are lifted \$150 per annum. The salary of the superintendent was increased but \$100, so that his deficit will be \$66.75.

WILL ASK COMPANY TO LAY GROOVED RAILS

At the meeting of the street committee, last night, it was voted to request Supt. Elwell, of the Connecticut Co.'s track department, to meet with the committee Feb. 26, to talk over a proposition to lay grooved rails in Main street, between East Washington avenue and Gilbert street, and on Golden Hill street between Main and Water streets.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL LIM'S SECRET SERVICE

Feature to Which President Objected Re-
tained in Measure Reported Today.

It Carries \$135,022,000 for Various
Purposes—Grants \$1,000,000 for De-
tection and Prevention of Fraud in
Land Service—Over \$19,000,000 For
Rivers and Harbors.

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 19.—Despite the recommendations of President Roosevelt in his last annual message to Congress and his earnest urging in a special message later, the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, which was reported from committee to the House to-day, contained the same clauses limiting the activities of the secret service to the investigation of counterfeiting and the protection of the person of the President.

This is the limitation that almost caused a breach between the executive and legislative branches of the government early in the present session of Congress. The presence of the limitation in the bill is taken to mean that Congress has justified its decision through the testimony of the executive officers of the government who declared that the investigation of fraud was not hampered by the limitation of the secret service. The bill, however, contains a clause granting to the Secretary of the Interior, one million dollars for the detection and prevention of fraud on the public domain. The appropriation last year was a half million and the year before a quarter million.

Secretary Garfield urged that it be increased to a million this year in order that the great mass of land fraud cases now on hand can be prosecuted to their conclusion. This work is to be done by agents under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

One clause of the bill authorizes the President, with the consent of the Republic of Cuba, to invite proposals for the removal of the battleship Maine from Havana harbor, and to communicate to Congress the estimates based on proposals received. Congress then can decide whether the battleship is to be removed and the cause of the explosion definitely determined. Two and a half million dollars is appropriated for the construction of a building at Washington to house the General and Office, the Geological Survey, the Indian Office and the Reclamation Service.

The largest item in the bill provides for \$658,000 to continue work upon the Panama Canal. This is \$400,000 more than was appropriated last year even with the deficiency in the canal work this year of \$5,000,000. For the continuance of work on rivers and harbors that has already been authorized by law, \$19,574,514 is appropriated. This is the second largest item in the bill. For the construction of public buildings \$18,618,646 is appropriated and \$1,902,000 is set aside for the maintenance of public buildings already erected.

To carry out the provisions of the Hepburn act authorizing the examination of railroad accounts, \$500,000 is appropriated for the last year of appropriation. The bill carries a total of \$135,022,000.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Chairman Burton to-day reported the river and harbor bill to the House. It carried \$92,625 and provides merely for the preservation and maintenance of existing works and structures. A provision in the bill permits the Secretary of War in his discretion, to divert appropriations heretofore made, and apply them to a number of projects, which he is following: New Bedford and Fair Haven harbor, Massachusetts; Pawtucket River, R. I.; Patuxent River and channel, Baltimore.

MAY ABANDON DIVORCE SUIT

Likely that Marital Trou-
bles of Waterbury Couple
May Be Settled Out of
Court.

(Special from United Press.)
New Haven, Feb. 19.—An interesting development occurred in the divorce suit of Lucy M. Taylor against her husband, Franklin A. Taylor, when it developed that Colonel Burpee of Waterbury has now been called into the case as associate counsel with Secretary Moore of New York. It is further said that an attempt will be made to adjust matters between the couple without further intervention of the courts. This is the second largest item in the bill. For the construction of public buildings \$18,618,646 is appropriated and \$1,902,000 is set aside for the maintenance of public buildings already erected.

Two short calendar motions in the Taylor case came up before Judge Reed today in the civil superior court, but Clerk Fowler stated that the counsel in the case had agreed to a week's continuance on both and the court adopted the request.

WALL STREET TO-DAY.

(Special from United Press.)
11 a. m.—The downward movement in many stocks was due to sales of fully fifty thousand shares on London account, heaviest foreign selling being in Steel common and Union Pacific. Consolidated Gas was strong, advancing two points, and a number of other stocks showed fractional gains at the end of the first hour.

Noon.—After the announcement of the decision of the Steel Corporation to make an open market a drive was made at Steel Common forcing it down about half a point. A few sales of short stocks were made in other leading issues but the market showed strength, to the surprise of the speculative element. A demand appeared suddenly and forced a quick upward movement, Steel Common moving up 5-8. The gains made were held only for a short time, however, as another downward movement started just after midday.

M'GINLEY BROTHERS SENTENCED

Assailants of Paul Selchow
May Spend Five Years
in Penitentiary.

Judge Bennett Imposes Se-
vere Penalty on Wild
West Imitators.

Alibi Sworn to by New
Yorkers Not Credited by
Jury—Young Men Ob-
tained Only Small Sum as
Result of Crime.

Stolid as Indians John F. and Thos. McGinley, brothers, heard themselves sentenced to spend not more than two nor less than five years each in the penitentiary, to-day. The sentence was imposed upon the young men by Judge Bennett, after a jury had brought in a verdict finding them guilty as charged, of an assault upon Paul A. Selchow of Greenwich, committed on the night of Dec. 5.

The assault upon Selchow was accompanied with wild west tricks which aggravated it much. Selchow is a young man of wealthy parents. It is evident that the accused believed he would carry money on his person in considerable sums. They accordingly halted him in a conveniently unlighted spot, and went through him at pistol point. They obtained only a few dollars. They were of a mind to strip him of a new suit of clothes, which he had received of his tailor, but being afraid of interruption, abandoned this portion of their program.

They bound Selchow's wrists with a rope, and got ready to throw him over a hedge. The rope broke, and the McGinleys then flourished a number of cartridges of large size, standing Selchow that they might fill him with lead, should he make a disturbance before they made an escape.

Selchow was not especially certain of the identity of the shooters, but they were recognized by Walter L. Peck, who saw them a few minutes after the hold-up, a little distance from the scene.

The McGinleys were defended by Attorney Steiner of this city, assisted by Attorney Carpenter of New York. The defense was a number of decidedly doubtful looking gentlemen, who claimed residence in the neighborhood of 143rd street, New York, where Thomas McGinley claims to reside. The brother and alleged residence in Stamford, John McGinley is serving a sentence of six months for a minor offense, committed in Stamford. Thomas is married and has a wife and two children.

THREE STUDENTS SERIOUSLY ILL

Young Garfield and Dan
Hanna, Jr., at the Taft
School in Watertown.

(Special from United Press.)
Watertown, Conn., Feb. 19.—The condition of two of the three prominent students attending the Taft School in Watertown, is to-day reported as being very favorable but the third is seriously ill. John Garfield, the son of the secretary of the Interior, and the physicians look for a speedy recovery. Yesterday afternoon he underwent a delicate but successful operation for an abscess.

The condition of Dan Hanna, Jr., of Cleveland, O., was so much improved last evening that he was able to leave with his mother, Mrs. E. K. Stallo, for New York, N. Y., where he will recuperate. The nature of Mr. Hanna's illness is not known.

The third student, Ira Holden of New York, is seriously ill with rheumatism of the heart. His condition has not improved. Physicians are in constant attendance and grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

GOMMOL'S ROOMS WERE FILLED WITH PLUNDER

(Special from United Press.)
Watertown, Feb. 19.—Gommol, a cork-maker employed at the plant of the Manufacturers Foundry Company, was today arraigned in the City court on the charge of larceny. He was held on the charge of \$5,000 worth of goods in the city three months, but when the police searched his apartments yesterday every one of his four rooms was piled high with plunder. Groceries, articles of furniture, tobacco and items of every description filled the dwelling and the detectives were compelled to hire three express wagons to carry away the goods.

Mrs. Gommol told the police that she had pleaded with her husband to abandon his midnight excursions, but to no avail. When Gommol was arrested he declined to tell how he came by so much plunder. The majority of the goods were stolen from the Metropolitan Hosiery and Goodie Company, 100 South Main street, and an adjoining grocery store.

COMMONS STICK TO FREE TRADE

(Special from United Press.)
London, Feb. 19.—The House of Commons to-day defeated an Australian Chamberlain's motion favoring the abandonment of free trade by a vote of 275 to 107.

PRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in ales, wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free hot roast beef to-morrow. G 2 1/2 5 0

SAUSAGE that's home made, also liver pudding and blood pudding held for purchase to-morrow at Mark Nagle's, 652 East Main street, and John Porter's, 218 Warren St. These goods are made by Edith at 95 State St. H 11 t 1 3 5

FEMALE CANARIES for breeding, \$1. Also a large stock of singing canaries, goldfinches, linnets, chaffinches, bullfinches, etc., talking parrots and parakeets. Books on breeding, nesting, etc. Louis Courtney, 116 Wall St., upstairs. Open evening. B 19 a 20

AMENDMENT VALIDATES FARM LEASE

City Has Interest in Legis-
lation Proposed by U. M.
C. Co.'s Lease of Town
Farm Right of Way
Runs for 25 Years.

Company Had Power to
Make Lease for a Period
Not Larger Than Ten
Years—Legislature As-
ked to Heal the Fault.

The proposed amendment to the charter of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, now pending in the General Assembly, validating any leases into which the company has entered which run for more than ten years, seems to have special application to the contract between the city of Bridgeport and the company, which was entered into June 25 under the Reynolds administration.

This contract enables the company, which previously was empowered by the Legislature to construct a industrial railway, to lay tracks across Ivy, Ogden, Arctic streets, Boston avenue and Asylum street, and 1513 feet across the town farm.

The right of way through the farm is leased, under the contract, for a 15 year period, from April 1, 1907, with the privilege of ten years more. The rental for the 15 year period is \$125 a year. The rental for the succeeding ten years is to be such a sum as may be agreed upon.

When the contract was entered into the Street committee asked for legal advice as to the power of the city to permit the company to cross streets, but the question of the power of the company to make a lease for a period longer than ten years appears not to have been raised.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

WE HAVE a fine line of best cigars, tobacco pipes and periodicals, 61 Cannon St.—H. E. Wood. B 19 a 2

TO RENT—Two large rooms with board. Apply 521 State St. B 19 d 2

WHIST—Enterprise Club, every Friday evening, 268 State St. Refreshments. Second series starts Feb. 26. A 20

FOR SALE—2 family house on Trans-Atlantic Ave., all modern improvements, 12 rooms, \$5,000. Watson, 33 Fairfield Ave. A 20

FOR SALE—First class 2 family house on William street, all modern improvements and centrally located. Watson, 33 Fairfield Ave. A 20

LOST—Between Courtland School and Park street, a chain of silver and bracelet. Reward at 43 Park Ave. B 19 b 2

NOW ON EXHIBITION at 27 Bank St. Mopche, the wonderful calf born with only three legs. Don't fail to see this wonderful freak of nature. A 20

STORE TO RENT—At 148 Pembroke street, for grocery and butcher market. Excellent location and splendid opportunity for right party. Inquire at 534 Brooks St. B 19 d 2

SATURDAY SPECIAL—Gold Medal Creamery Butter, 25c; shreds, 8c; mixed nuts, 10c; 25 lb. bag sugar \$1.20; Canned Peas, 7c; Canned Corn, 7c. The Coe & White Co. B 19 b 2

STENCILS—We carry a full line of stencils, letters and figures, also make stencils to order. Burning Brands, rubber and steel stamps. The Schwerdtle Stamp Co., 41 Cannon St. B 19 d 2

FOR SALE—25 gallon mott kettle, Peter Horn, 1216 Stratford Ave. B 18 a 2

LOST—Saturday night gold watch fob, masonic medal attached. Reward. Henry W. Smith, 162 Wheeler Ave. B 18 b 2

NATIVE YORK, home made liver-wurst, all N. Y. frankfurters and Bologna. Daily fresh meat loaf. Peter Horn, 1216 Stratford Ave. B 18 b 2

TO RENT—Flat of five rooms, improvements, to adults. 743 Iranistan Ave. B 15 d 2

GREAT RELIEF from headache and constipation, Casca Laxine tablets, 25 cts. B 3 a 2

CARD READER—Advice on all affairs, 25c. Mrs. Levy, 674 Madison Ave., 4th house above North Ave. G 6 t 2

WANTED—Railway Mail Clerks, \$300 first year. Examination for Bridgeport May 15th. Preparation 4-cs. Franklin Institute, Dept. 609, Rochester, N. Y. B 3 b 2

FREE TO ALL—Hot and cold lunch at Cummings & White's, Golden Hill and Middle Sts. T 30 * 1 3 5 t

JAMES J. SHEEHAN, popular hatter, 574 E. Main St., has the goods. Call and verify. H 30 * 1 0 1 3

WE DO THE RIGHT kind of picture framing at lowest prices. Standard Art Store, 1219 Main St., Stratford building. I 30 3 5

THE BOSTON CLEANING AND DYEING CO. 187 Fairfield Ave. Our work the best. Our prices the lowest. I 16 t 2 0 2 5

CLAM CHOWDER every day. Rupert's New York ale and lager; Dougherty's rye whiskey. Drew Bros., 1122 Main St. B 8 * 1 3 5 0

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, typewriter, mimeograph and notary public. Fears, 108 Meigs Building, Telephone 1011-12. B 14 t 3 5 0

BRATWURST, pigs' hocks, country pork a specialty. M. M. Nagle, 552 East Main St. G 7 t 1 2 5

HOT ROAST BEEF for lunch at Morton's Cafe, 108 Fairfield Ave., to-morrow. Everybody welcome. A 20